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## Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

### Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

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| Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of— | Proportion of cells with | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | under 2% | under 5% | under 10% | under 20% |
| $1,000,000 and over | .60 | .75 | .85 | 1.00 |
| $500,000-$1,000,000 | .20 | 1.00 | | |
| $100,000-$500,000 | .30 | .45 | .70 | 1.00 |
| $20,000-$100,000 | | .35 | .70 | 1.00 |
| Cells of under $20,000 | Are likely to have sampling variability from $3,000 to $15,000 | | | |

| Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of-- | Are likely to have sampling variability of-- |
|---|---|
| $300,000 and over | Less than 2% |
| $100,000-$300,000 | Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2% |
| $20,000-$100,000 | Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5% |
| Under $20,000 | Generally $500 to $5,000 |
| Cells of $0 | Generally less than $500 |

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

### Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

## Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

| Customs district | Shipping weight (1,000 pounds) | | | | | | | | Value (1,000 dollars) | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | | North America | South America | Europe | Asia | Australia and Oceania | Africa | Total | | North America | South America | Europe | Asia | Australia and Oceania | Africa |
| | All carriers | U.S. flag carriers | | | | | | | All carriers | U.S. flag carriers | | | | | | |
| Total, all carriers... | 124,778 | (X) | 27,938 | 11,840 | 59,980 | 19,721 | 2,342 | 1,962 | 610,991 | (X) | 78,513 | 44,808 | 318,345 | 134,042 | 12,709 | 11,676 |
| U.S. flag carriers..... | (X) | 42,387 | 10,997 | 3,306 | 17,768 | 9,035 | 563 | 271 | (X) | 220,950 | 35,108 | 11,975 | 100,493 | 60,888 | 3,972 | 3,055 |
| Boston, Mass..... | 4,130 | 1,517 | 597 | - | 3,381 | 55 | 45 | 52 | 17,947 | 7,396 | 1,567 | - | 15,456 | 587 | 204 | 132 |
| Bridgeport, Conn..... | 115 | 106 | 1 | - | 114 | - | - | - | 127 | 95 | 4 | - | 123 | - | - | - |
| Ogdensburg, N.Y..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Buffalo, N.Y..... | 499 | 498 | 475 | - | 24 | (Z) | - | - | 2,765 | 2,758 | 2,672 | - | 87 | 6 | - | - |
| New York City, N.Y..... | 53,941 | 16,940 | 4,504 | 3,355 | 37,968 | 6,853 | 207 | 1,054 | 303,874 | 100,599 | 14,824 | 17,451 | 211,205 | 50,893 | 1,627 | 7,876 |
| Philadelphia, Pa..... | 1,156 | 578 | 134 | 43 | 730 | 226 | 1 | 23 | 7,189 | 3,551 | 379 | 232 | 3,540 | 2,911 | 8 | 118 |
| Baltimore, Md..... | 92 | 90 | 42 | - | 37 | 7 | - | 6 | 830 | 130 | 57 | - | 57 | 715 | - | 1 |
| Wilmington, N.C..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Charleston, S.C..... | 20 | 20 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 6 | - | - | 235 | 235 | 12 | 149 | 17 | 58 | - | - |
| Savannah, Ga..... | 329 | 256 | 89 | 1 | 209 | 23 | - | 7 | 3,077 | 619 | 270 | 20 | 2,358 | 406 | - | 24 |
| Tampa, Fla..... | 105 | 59 | 100 | - | 5 | - | - | - | 152 | 63 | 139 | - | 13 | - | - | - |
| Mobile, Ala..... | 24 | 24 | - | - | - | 24 | - | - | 250 | 250 | - | - | - | 250 | - | - |
| New Orleans, La..... | 366 | 91 | 346 | 20 | 1 | - | - | - | 1,034 | 438 | 893 | 114 | 26 | - | - | - |
| Laredo, Tex..... | 400 | 210 | 385 | 8 | - | 7 | - | - | 715 | 473 | 626 | 43 | - | 46 | - | - |
| El Paso, Tex..... | 325 | 325 | 324 | - | 1 | (Z) | - | - | 1,119 | 1,119 | 1,115 | - | 1 | 3 | - | - |
| Nogales, Ariz..... | 90 | 69 | 90 | - | - | - | - | - | 634 | 580 | 634 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Los Angeles, Calif..... | 7,233 | 2,833 | 1,362 | 193 | 2,030 | 2,949 | 580 | 119 | 70,606 | 24,020 | 8,653 | 1,908 | 24,958 | 30,577 | 3,618 | 892 |
| San Francisco, Calif.... | 5,564 | 2,931 | 245 | 71 | 355 | 4,207 | 682 | 4 | 43,282 | 18,739 | 2,039 | 432 | 3,221 | 32,021 | 5,468 | 101 |
| Portland, Oreg..... | 110 | 110 | 7 | - | 102 | 1 | - | (Z) | 1,450 | 1,450 | 85 | - | 1,344 | 15 | - | 6 |
| Seattle, Wash..... | 1,177 | 646 | 265 | 2 | 411 | 475 | 16 | 8 | 6,465 | 3,600 | 861 | 15 | 2,029 | 3,204 | 59 | 298 |
| Anchorage, Alaska..... | 246 | 13 | 13 | - | 22 | 211 | - | - | 374 | 22 | 22 | - | 93 | 259 | - | - |
| Honolulu, Hawaii..... | 185 | 102 | 9 | - | 11 | 116 | 49 | - | 905 | 539 | 7 | - | 17 | 550 | 332 | - |
| Great Falls, Mont..... | 60 | 60 | 60 | - | - | - | - | - | 230 | 230 | 230 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pembina, N. Dak..... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Minneapolis, Minn..... | 256 | 139 | 65 | - | 191 | (Z) | - | (Z) | 2,091 | 1,168 | 289 | - | 1,796 | 5 | - | 1 |
| Detroit, Mich..... | 2,074 | 1,669 | 491 | 27 | 1,487 | 40 | 13 | 16 | 8,934 | 7,736 | 2,093 | 132 | 6,367 | 102 | 167 | 74 |
| Chicago, Ill..... | 11,958 | 5,112 | 3,131 | 2 | 6,743 | 1,836 | 22 | 225 | 48,098 | 19,351 | 13,496 | 7 | 26,776 | 6,944 | 158 | 717 |
| Cleveland, Ohio..... | 997 | 77 | 763 | 1 | 227 | (Z) | (Z) | 5 | 1,858 | 249 | 1,207 | 4 | 638 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| St. Louis, Mo..... | 96 | 96 | 4 | - | 85 | 7 | - | (Z) | 1,668 | 1,668 | 27 | - | 1,633 | 6 | - | 1 |
| San Juan, P.R..... | 837 | 575 | 718 | 110 | 9 | (Z) | - | - | 3,075 | 2,180 | 1,391 | 1,298 | 380 | 6 | - | - |
| Miami, Fla..... | 14,200 | 5,832 | 7,226 | 6,593 | 362 | 17 | (Z) | 2 | 37,374 | 13,960 | 15,059 | 19,923 | 2,299 | 80 | 1 | 13 |
| Houston, Tex..... | 1,563 | 668 | 824 | 124 | 334 | 196 | 1 | 85 | 5,985 | 1,566 | 2,372 | 305 | 1,542 | 1,175 | 1 | 590 |
| Washington, D.C..... | 526 | 204 | 2 | 97 | 413 | 9 | - | 5 | 5,706 | 505 | 11 | 818 | 4,816 | 36 | - | 23 |
| All other districts..... | 119 | 89 | 62 | 47 | 9 | (Z) | 1 | - | 290 | 203 | 163 | 51 | 72 | 1 | 4 | - |
| Shipments under $251.... | 14,990 | (NA) | 5,605 | 1,134 | 4,718 | 2,456 | 724 | 353 | 21,754 | (NA) | 7,317 | 1,905 | 7,482 | 3,182 | 1,061 | 808 |
| Special Category..... | 994 | 447 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | 10,899 | 5,459 | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) | (D) |

- Represents zero. D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons. NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

## Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

| Customs district | Shipping weight (1,000 pounds) | | | | | | | | Value (1,000 dollars) | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | | North America | South America | Europe | Asia | Australia and Oceania | Africa | Total | | North America | South America | Europe | Asia | Australia and Oceania | Africa |
| | All carriers | U.S. flag carriers | | | | | | | All carriers | U.S. flag carriers | | | | | | |
| Total, all carriers.. | 78,410 | (X) | 7,416 | 7,442 | 41,804 | 20,715 | 707 | 286 | 467,613 | (X) | 34,856 | 17,916 | 281,452 | 121,998 | 3,059 | 8,284 |
| U.S. flag carriers..... | (X) | 34,218 | 2,873 | 3,590 | 16,229 | 10,997 | 471 | 57 | (X) | 225,810 | 14,575 | 7,997 | 133,117 | 65,674 | 1,645 | 2,802 |
| Boston, Mass..... | 2,608 | 1,402 | 92 | 45 | 2,392 | 67 | 2 | 9 | 12,959 | 7,267 | 1,008 | 134 | 11,446 | 286 | 15 | 70 |
| Bridgeport, Conn..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | (Z) | 1 | (Z) | - | - | 13 | 5 | 10 | (Z) | 2 | 1 | - | - |
| Ogdensburg, N.Y..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 14 | 14 | 14 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Buffalo, N.Y..... | 212 | 165 | 165 | 1 | 19 | 27 | - | - | 1,589 | 1,500 | 1,247 | 20 | 255 | 67 | - | - |
| New York City, N.Y..... | 39,752 | 15,751 | 993 | 2,981 | 28,586 | 6,828 | 198 | 166 | 243,008 | 95,073 | 5,136 | 11,666 | 182,692 | 37,748 | 801 | 4,966 |
| Philadelphia, Pa..... | 732 | 388 | 33 | 4 | 582 | 106 | 1 | 5 | 10,149 | 6,834 | 181 | 15 | 7,260 | 694 | 19 | 1,979 |
| Baltimore, Md..... | 163 | 129 | 6 | - | 149 | 6 | - | 2 | 1,353 | 1,301 | 63 | - | 1,250 | 21 | - | 19 |
| Wilmington, N.C..... | 242 | 242 | (Z) | - | 241 | 1 | - | - | 2,912 | 2,912 | 24 | - | 2,886 | 2 | - | - |
| Charleston, S.C..... | 272 | 272 | (Z) | - | 67 | - | 206 | - | 13,320 | 13,319 | 1 | - | 13,207 | - | 112 | - |
| Savannah, Ga..... | 71 | 66 | 11 | 1 | 58 | - | - | (Z) | 1,656 | 1,484 | 338 | 2 | 1,312 | - | - | 5 |
| Tampa, Fla..... | 34 | 29 | 32 | - | 2 | - | (Z) | - | 184 | 101 | 145 | - | 36 | - | 4 | - |
| Mobile, Ala..... | 1 | 1 | - | (Z) | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - |
| New Orleans, La..... | 364 | 167 | 256 | 1 | 8 | 99 | (Z) | - | 564 | 219 | 365 | 10 | 161 | 27 | 2 | - |
| Laredo, Tex..... | 103 | 92 | 103 | - | 1 | (Z) | - | - | 265 | 154 | 224 | - | 38 | 3 | - | - |
| El Paso, Tex..... | 13 | 9 | 11 | - | 1 | (Z) | - | (Z) | 386 | 338 | 374 | - | 5 | 3 | - | 3 |
| Nogales, Ariz..... | 17 | 10 | 16 | (Z) | 1 | (Z) | - | - | 108 | 65 | 100 | (Z) | 7 | 1 | - | - |
| Los Angeles, Calif..... | 6,355 | 3,121 | 293 | 113 | 962 | 4,844 | 137 | 6 | 53,786 | 28,561 | 4,653 | 588 | 16,516 | 30,952 | 977 | 101 |
| San Francisco, Calif... | 5,624 | 4,329 | 46 | 8 | 233 | 5,226 | 111 | (Z) | 44,665 | 30,061 | 848 | 40 | 2,572 | 40,352 | 832 | 22 |
| Portland, Oreg..... | 3 | 3 | 2 | - | (Z) | (Z) | - | - | 29 | 26 | 23 | - | 5 | 2 | - | - |
| Seattle, Wash..... | 1,109 | 943 | 108 | - | 146 | 854 | (Z) | (Z) | 8,336 | 4,549 | 3,658 | - | 1,006 | 3,669 | 1 | 1 |
| Anchorage, Alaska..... | 47 | 1 | 1 | - | 23 | 23 | - | - | 398 | 2 | 3 | - | 272 | 123 | - | - |
| Honolulu, Hawaii..... | 436 | 171 | 40 | - | 26 | 341 | 30 | - | 3,114 | 1,445 | 54 | - | 726 | 2,113 | 221 | - |
| Great Falls, Mont..... | 34 | 34 | 34 | - | - | - | - | - | 83 | 83 | 83 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pembina, N. Dak..... | (Z) | - | (Z) | - | - | - | - | - | (Z) | - | (Z) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Minneapolis, Minn..... | 76 | 67 | 8 | - | 14 | 54 | (Z) | - | 250 | 195 | 24 | - | 87 | 138 | 1 | - |
| Detroit, Mich..... | 1,834 | 1,285 | 419 | (Z) | 1,333 | 70 | (Z) | 12 | 5,890 | 4,442 | 1,619 | 1 | 4,032 | 186 | 2 | 51 |
| Chicago, Ill..... | 3,177 | 1,235 | 360 | 7 | 2,620 | 180 | (Z) | 10 | 24,517 | 8,851 | 4,542 | 83 | 18,153 | 1,496 | 35 | 207 |
| Cleveland, Ohio..... | 155 | 21 | 42 | - | 90 | 23 | - | - | 1,317 | 107 | 396 | - | 796 | 126 | - | - |
| St. Louis, Mo..... | 119 | 117 | (Z) | - | 116 | 3 | - | - | 3,870 | 3,859 | 4 | - | 3,850 | 16 | - | - |
| San Juan, P.R..... | 1,507 | 503 | 880 | 495 | 128 | 2 | (Z) | 1 | 2,661 | 681 | 1,396 | 552 | 594 | 114 | (Z) | 5 |
| Miami, Fla..... | 6,406 | 3,007 | 2,506 | 3,575 | 314 | 9 | (Z) | (Z) | 13,575 | 7,460 | 6,491 | 4,513 | 2,334 | 209 | 3 | 24 |
| Houston, Tex..... | 255 | 133 | 124 | 17 | 70 | 42 | (Z) | 2 | 3,889 | 332 | 733 | 56 | 1,652 | 1,275 | 1 | 172 |
| Washington, D.C..... | 578 | 521 | 31 | (Z) | 543 | 2 | (Z) | 1 | 5,176 | 4,512 | 40 | 1 | 4,506 | 50 | 7 | 572 |
| All other districts.... | 14 | 4 | 8 | - | 6 | (Z) | (Z) | - | 145 | 60 | 95 | - | 47 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Shipments under $251... | 6,095 | (NA) | 794 | 192 | 3,072 | 1,907 | 20 | 72 | 7,429 | (NA) | 967 | 234 | 3,745 | 2,324 | 24 | 87 |

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